CLAIMS

What is claimed:

1.   A marketplace for providing web services provided by web service providers to customer of the web services, the marketplace comprising:

a storage component operable to maintain information related to a web service and an pointer related to the information, the pointer including an Internet protocol address; and

a transaction component operable to exchange terms related to the web service for the customer to obtain the web service from the web service provider, the terms including a quality of service for the web service.

2.   The marketplace of Claim 1, wherein the pointer includes the Internet protocol address of the web service provider that is operably provided to the customer when the transaction component determines that the customer purchased the web service.

3.   The marketplace of Claim 1, wherein the pointer includes the Internet protocol address of the customer that is operably provided to the web services provider when the transaction component determines that the web service provider will provide the web service to the customer.

4.   The marketplace of Claim 1, further comprising an interface operable to electronically receive and display the web services identified by the storage component.

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5. The marketplace of Claim 4, wherein the interface is further operable to provide the price for the web service.

6. The marketplace of Claim 5, wherein interface is further operable to display a description of the web service.

7. The marketplace of Claim 1, wherein web services are auctioned by a reverse auction method.

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8. A web services marketplace for providers to offer web services and customers to obtain the web services of the provider, comprising:

an offering component identifying one or more web services and a quality of service related to at least one of the web services provided by one or more web service provider; and

a transaction component operable for the customer to obtain the web service offering from the provider.

9. The web services marketplace of Claim 8, wherein the offering component identifies a plurality of web services provided by a plurality of web service providers.

10. The web services marketplace of Claim 8, wherein the transaction component includes a financial component operable for the customer to compensate the provider for the web services obtained.

11. The web services marketplace of Claim 8, wherein the offering component includes a price associated with each of the one or more web services offered.

12. The web services marketplace of Claim 8, wherein the offering component includes a quality of service related to each of the web services.

13. The web services marketplace of Claim 12, wherein the quality of service is further defined as a guaranteed quality of service for the web service.

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14. The web services marketplace of Claim 8, wherein the provider is further defined as a web services developer.

15. The web services marketplace of Claim 8, wherein the customer is further defined as a business with offerings to customers associated with the web services.

16. The web services marketplace of Claim 8, wherein the customer is further defined as a consumer.

17. The web services marketplace of Claim 8, wherein the customer is further defined as an entity utilizing the web service.

18.   A method for selling web services based on a quality of service, the method comprising:

       providing an electronic marketplace system for selling web services;

       offering, by a plurality of providers, web services via the electronic marketplace system based on a quality of service for the web service; and

       obtaining, by one or more customers via the electronic marketplace system, the web services having the quality of service for the web service from one or more of the providers.

19.   The method of Claim 18, further comprising:

       offering, by one of the providers, a particular web service at a price; and

       accepting, by one of the customers, the offer of the web service at the price and quality of service for the web service.

20.   The method of Claim 18, wherein at least one of the web services are offered by one of the providers at a first price based on a first quality of service and a second price based on a second quality of service.

21.   The method of Claim 18, wherein at least one of the web services are offered by one of the providers at an undetermined quality of service.

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22.   The method of Claim 18, further comprising:

providing a license agreement accessible via the electronic market place system, the license agreement related to use by the customer of the web service obtained from the provider.

23.   The method of Claim 18, wherein the web services are further defined as based on a Web Services standard.

24.   The method of Claim 18, wherein the web services are further defined as reusable components operable for providing a service via the Internet.